

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. The takeover of the media by huge corporations does nothing to serve the public interest, unless that corporation has the moral fibre to present a balanced view, especially in an election year. I am very worried about the future of dissent in corporate America and the ability of the local citizenry to make informed choices. Sinclair's stance in this matter is criminal. I am a firm believer that local control is the best way to encourage citizen involvement in the decisions that affect our great country. Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.